

**Abstract of the Invention**

A combination drinking container and straw and method of manufacture.

The container has at least one straw retaining member molded into either the outer or inner surface of the container wall, or a portion of the wall may be shaped to

5 include a constricted stem. A malleable straw is fitted onto each such retaining member so that at least a portion of the pathway of the straw is defined by the retaining members. A first end of the straw extends into the container and a

second end extends upwardly so that beverage may be sipped therefrom. A lid may close the container, the lid optionally including an aperture to permit passage

10 of the straw, the straw passing through the aperture. Also disclosed is a lidded container wherein the lid is provided with an aperture. A first portion of a drinking straw extends from inside the container, through the hole and to the

container's outside to form a hinge for the lid. A second portion of the straw is attached to the container. In this way, the lid remains attached to the straw and

15 container even when removed from the container.

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